



Lincoln **Fire & Rescue**

2002 Annual Report

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Dear Citizens of Lincoln:

As Mayor of Lincoln it is my pleasure to present Lincoln Fire & Rescue's 2002 Annual Report. We are fortunate to live in a city where the women and men of our fire department are so dedicated. It is with great pride that we point to the fact that there were no fatal fires in Lincoln in 2002.



This annual report is more than an overview of an excellent city department. This annual report provides a variety of information about Lincoln Fire & Rescue's activities, personnel, and accomplishments during the year 2002. The fire department continues to make great progress in the second year of providing ambulance service. The professionals responding to ambulance calls are providing the consistent quality service this community expects.

The members of our fire department have the desire to serve, the ability to perform, and the courage to act. We can all take pride and should thank them for their service to our community.

Sincerely,

Don Wesely
Mayor of Lincoln

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Dear Citizens of Lincoln:

The Lincoln Fire & Rescue members continue to provide outstanding services to the citizens of our community. The challenge of providing fire protection, hazardous materials response, emergency medical response, and ambulance services has been met. With the help and support of the entire community, we have a highly efficient response and control system for emergencies that occur. Good building codes, interest by citizens in community safety, fire safety prevention education of our children, and the dedication of Lincoln Fire & Rescue personnel delivering emergency services, all go hand in hand making our community an outstanding place to live. I am pleased to report that in 2002 our community did not have a single fire related fatality, a goal that we wish for every year!



In September of 2002 I reorganized the department's management structure creating two branch positions, Assistant Chief For Support Services and Assistant Chief of Operations. This eliminated the Deputy Chief of Administration and EMS position from the organization structure to provide for improved coordination of internal and external operations.

This year the department's emergency and non-emergency ambulance services have continued to mature and provide excellent transportation and medical care to our residents.

The department pledges to continue to provide the highest quality service possible when people in our community need help.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Spadt
Fire Chief
Lincoln Fire & Rescue

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To provide the highest level of life and property safety through the extension of fire prevention, fire control, emergency medical services, and public education.



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The administrative division coordinates support services for all divisions of the fire department through the deputy chief of administration, six staff personnel, and community volunteers. Daily operations require providing administrative services, human resource management, physical resource management, and developing and maintaining operating policies.



Volunteers



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Emergencies are responded to from 14 fire stations located throughout our city of 225,588 citizens in an area of 79.55 square miles. The 14 engine and 4 ladder apparatus are staffed by a captain, fire apparatus operator, one firefighter, and one firefighter/paramedic (engines only). The city is divided into 167 fire response zones with an average response time to emergencies of 4.13 minutes from the time of dispatch. Two deputy chiefs are always on duty, and split the city east and west for operational response activities.

A total of 2,231 fire alarms resulted in a fire loss of \$1,643,855.00. The department responded to 23,132 calls.



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A paramedic engine company responds to all 911 requests for medical assistance within the city. The average response time for an engine was 3.28 minutes during 2002. Fire department paramedics accompany all critical patients in the ambulance to the emergency department.

On January 1, 2001 the Lincoln Fire and Rescue Department took over the ambulance transportation duties for the City. In addition to the emergency 911 calls, the department provides non-emergency ambulance transportation. Ambulances are stationed in various fire stations throughout the City. Each ambulance is staffed with one paramedic and one EMT. Working as a team with paramedic engines, this new EMS system provides two paramedics and four EMT's on the scene of a medical emergency within the City.

During 2002, Lincoln Fire & Rescue paramedics responded to 13,697 calls for emergency medical assistance.



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The inspection program includes three areas which give Lincoln Fire & Rescue an opportunity to impress upon the public the need for fire prevention with active participation in preventing loss before it occurs. When fire hazards are located and corrected, the public benefits through the reduction of fire losses, reduction of fire deaths and injuries, and by educating the community to create a fire conscious working environment. The three areas are:

1. Business Inspections
2. Pre-planning
3. Hazardous Material Inspections

A total of 3,448 business inspections/contacts were made by members of the emergency services division.



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The training division for Lincoln Fire & Rescue provide knowledge and skills training to all fire department personnel.

Our mission is to provide the highest level of emergency service to the citizens of our community. Those services include: emergency medical response, advanced life support transportation, fire suppression, and new recruit training. Additional technical skills for emergency response include: hazardous materials mitigation, confined space rescue, high angle rescue, dive rescue, auto extrication rescue, collapsed building rescue, and trench rescue.

Many non-emergent training programs are required as well. Those include: fire apparatus operator certification, diversity training, and transfer ambulance training, to mention a few.

Five day captains and the deputy chief of training create and implement a comprehensive training schedule each year to address the Federal, State, and Local regulations, rules and policies. Each emergency services employee receives at least 30 hours of structured fire suppression training and 24 hours of EMS training annually. The division also coordinates and delivers training for members of the Urban Search & Rescue task force.



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The maintenance division is responsible for a continuous preventive maintenance program for 55 vehicles to ensure cost effective and efficient operation. Emergency vehicles include 14 engine companies, 4 aerial pumper companies, 11 ambulances, 1 brush rig, 1 hazardous materials vehicle, and 1 mobile air unit. The department has 3 reserve engine companies, one reserve aerial pumper, and 19 support vehicles.



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Lincoln Fire & Rescue is committed to providing fire safety education to citizens through a variety of programs reaching all age groups, in their living and working settings, and educational units. Coordinating the program requires the commitment of our community leaders, fire administrators, firefighters, civic groups, schools, and businesses.



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Outstanding efforts by employees deserves recognition. Members of the department and the community receive awards each year for their efforts.



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Captains

Bill Moser
William Fowler
Dennis Borchers
Dave Friedeman
Dustin Morton
Guy Pinkman
Michael Hohbein
Jan Robertson
John Hibberd
LeRoy Novak
James George
Dwayne Novak
Mark Munger
Marty Proctor
Gary Christman
Francis Tomcak
Jeff Grasmick
Steve Dolezal
Richard Cuba

Michael Clements
Larry Nelson
Bruce Elsberry
Ron Trouba
Rick Grell
Gregg Wiese
Ron Hohbein
Garry Kuehn
Michael West
Tom Priefert
Lee Peterson
Julio Talero
Jon Enevoldsen
Randy Bohaty
Kelly Newton
Hal Kennedy
Bret Davis
Randy Case
Tim Anderson

Leo Benes
Dale Wojtasek
Dennis Miller
Greg Contreras
Tim Sherwood
Dale Finke
Tom Hinzman
Kenneth Bothwell
William Swenson
Joe Millard
Robert Weddington
Scott Thompson
Arnold Jensen
Robert Cunningham
Gary Leyden
John Arnold
Richard Pickel
Jeff Hatcher
Jeanne Pashalek

Administration

Mike Spadt, Fire Chief
John Huff, Assistant Chief of Support Services
Rich Furasek, Assistant Chief of Operations
Sandy Yost, Administrative Secretary
Kim Kabourek, Account Clerk II
Ngoc Dao, Accountant
Rick Klein, NETF1 Program Coordinator
Ken Joyce, Fire Systems Programmer
Julie Marget, Office Specialist

Transfer Medics

Michele Cavalieri

Transfer EMT's

Justin Henkel
Dallas Fletcher

Training Division

Danny Wright, Deputy Chief
Kim McKay, Captain
Dave Dermann, Captain
Eric Jones, Captain
Pat Borer, Captain
Mike Conditt, Captain
Jaimie Merryman, Office Assistant III

Retiree's

James Banister
Sterling Gray

Fire Apparatus Operators

Richard Dillon	Mark Darrington	Mark Linke
Kevin Barry	Jeff Gottbreht	Ron Hassebroek
Terry Houchen	Dennis Kruse	Terry Bouma
Barry Knopik	Paul Thege	Richard Newell
Ronald Wolf	Ken Hilger	Kenny Lintz
Neil Bell	John Ware	Ron Carlson
Dwayne Koranda	Thomas Mann	Kent Kobza
Bill Hershberger	Mark Gronewold	John Olig
Martin Remmenga	Brad Luedke	Craig Cheney
John Schmidt	Dolyn Meinke	Stewart Shepard
Roger Dondlinger	Eldon Mannschreck	Dan McIntosh
John Bills	Bob Watton	Richard Paulsen
Dan Piersol	Douglas Dow	David Backhus
Alan Bruns	Dannis Bohlken	Richard Zechmann
Arthur Kavan	Charles Province	Kevin McCoy
Scott Renken	John Lemke	Gary Gauchat
Larry Scranton	Doug Andersen	Charles Struble
Mike Kolb	Dan Bare	Kenneth Payne
Mike Schmidt	Glen Kempf	Bruce Worth

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Firefighter/Paramedics

Scott Wiebe	Tony Hewitt	Eric Jones
Dave Kluthe	Dave Engler	Pater Eppens
Scott Nydahl	Joseph Nelson	Nancy Engelbrecht
Rick Schneider	Devlon Puckett	Dennis Clark
JD Johnson	Trevis Schroeder	Aaron Pospisil
Mickey Roscoe	Craig Clark	Deb Staberg
Daryl Hartley	Matt Vonderfecht	Danny Scharff
David Lorenzen	Jason Ortman	Dustin Witherspoon
Jeff Leaf	Dan Winkenwerder	Dan Jones
Jeff Gannon	Dean Delany	Gregg Fisher
Roger Bonin	Chris Jones	Andrew Evans
Dn Duncan	Tim Linke	Jim Wiese
John Weyers	Brent Mehling	Mark Sullivan
George Gasper	Rodney Ford	Francisco Martinez
Damon Robbins	Jon Patton	Scott Williamson
Mark Bridwell	Carolyn Magor	Steve Novak
Todd Gilkison	Aaron Drake	Greg Shoemaker
Troy Hurd	Kyle McCown	John Massie
Shawn Durbin	Marla Fletcher	Victor Stava
Marty Moon	Michael Cox	

Maintenance Division

Dennis Klein, Deputy Chief
 Bob Poe, Fire Equipment Mechanic
 Mark Doehling, Fire Equipment Mechanic
 Robbie Koranda, Fire Equipment Mechanic

EMS Division

Sherrie Meints, Business Manager
 Dick Wenske, Business Manager
 Stacy Burkett, Office Assistant III

Battalion 1

Arnold Hart
 Ron Kennett
 Dean Staberg

Battalion 2

Derald Murrell
 Larry Edwards
 Bruce Sellon

Firefighters

Curt Faust	Tod Allen
Scott Pierson	Gregory Bell
Mike Selvage	Matt Roberts
Dan King	Mike Wright
Shawn Podraza	Mike Moss
Kyle Sabatka	Alan Crist
Mark Eberspacher	Frank Vasquez
Ken Gaughran	Dave Luedtke
Lloyd Mueller	Jayson Layton
Sten Ulrich	Michael Satorie
Dave Steward	Greg Connolly
Gary Worster	Brad Moslander
Jason Schmale	Kevin Johnson
Mike Stroud	Jeremy Mitchell
Jeff Topil	John Christen
Dan Krause	Kevin Searle
Mike Mayfield	Tim Stohlmann
Guy Jones	Brian Walters
Dan Harms	Martha Ortman
Mike SmithJ	Jeff Meinke
Carol Weigand	Dennis Bowers
Jesse Theiler	Chad Roof
Alan Hoback	Dawn Clements
Mikael Tupe	Annette Woehrer
Tracy Spivey	Bob Borer
Mark Heithoff	Kris Draper
Michael Green	Nick Thill
Tony Chapp	Jeremy Hosek
Troy Kash-Brown	Brad Thavenet
Phillip Ganoung	Ron Trouba Jr
Kenny Baker	Tim Chavanu
Brian Giles	Troy Boothe
Daren Merryman	Mike Love
Scott Bastin	Larry Rayburn
Matthew Dowell	Art Longoria
Tod Sehnert	Jerry Hesser
Mike Novak	Gary Bruns
Dave West	Jason Loch
Chuck Carlson	Mary Jo Nelson
Mark Eberspacher	Marianne Holgate
Jeremy Gegg	Jerid Foster
Bryan Kratochvil	Steve Saathoff
Jay Adams	Shawn Mahler
Jon Colborn	Byron Yung
Marianne Holgate	Shane Cuttlers
Mark Majors	Mike Meyer

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2002 Fires by type

Arcing, Shorted Electric Equipment	67
Check Extinguished Fire	96
Chimney Fire, No Damage	4
Controlled Burn - Authorized	2
Crew or Equip Transfer (No Pt)	1
Excessive Heat	22
False Alarm	1,469
Fire with Medical	4
Illegal Burning	6
Lightening Strike	11
Medical	7
Mutual Aid	5
Outside of Structure Fire	37
Outside Spill, Leak with Ensuing Fire	1
Power Line Down	24
Public Service - Assist Patient	6
Refuse/Garbage Fire	78
Rescue Alarm	2
Spills, Leaks - Haz. Chem. or Rad.	2
Spills, Leaks Fuels - No Ign no Fire	4
Steam Rupture	3
Structure Fire	133
Suspicious Package/Parcel/Letter	2
Trees, Brush, Grass Fire	91
Vehicle Fire	147
<u>Water Evacuation</u>	<u>7</u>
Total	2,231

False Alarms:

Bomb Scare, No Bomb	2
CO Detector Alarm	0
False Call, Malicious	116
False Call, Medical	1
False Call, Other	311
Medical - No Patient Found	1
Nothing Found at Location	71
Smoke Scare	260
Steam, Other Gas Mistaken for Smoke	13
System Malfunction	530
Unintentional Trip	163
<u>Wrong Location</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	1,469

Population: 225,588

Land Area: 79.55 Square Miles

Fire Stations: 14

Residential/Commercial Fires:

Residential: 398

Commercial: 1,833

Total: 2231

Fire related Deaths: 0

Public Education

Monday	80
Tuesday	76
Wednesday	91
Thursday	103
Friday	95
Saturday	155
<u>Sunday</u>	<u>52</u>
TOTAL	652



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2002 Company Activity By Station By Year

Station 1	Fire	1,533	Station 9	Fire	353
	HazMat	146		HazMat	82
	Medical	2,511		Medical	1,000
	Other	350		Other	107
	Total for Station 1:	4,540		Total for Station 9:	1,542
Station 2	Fire	369	Station 10	Fire	316
	HazMat	107		HazMat	59
	Medical	999		Medical	1,064
	Other	143		Other	135
	Total for Station 2:	1,618		Total for Station10:	1,574
Station 3	Fire	595	Station11	Alert	12
	HazMat	52		Fire	51
	Medical	881		HazMat	9
	Other	83		Medical	170
	Total for Station 3:	1,611		Other	25
				Total for Station11:	267
Station 4	Fire	223	Station12	Fire	150
	HazMat	30		HazMat	25
	Medical	598		Medical	538
	Other	75		Other	67
	Total for Station 4:	926		Total for Station 12:	780
Station 5	Fire	615	Station 13	Fire	182
	HazMat	106		HazMat	20
	Medical	1,176		Medical	382
	Other	255		Other	42
	Total for Station 5:	2,152		Total for Station 13:	626
Station 6	Fire	278	Station 14	Fire	203
	HazMat	47		HazMat	32
	Medical	975		Medical	425
	Other	128		Other	45
	Total for Station 6:	1,428		Total for Station 14:	705
Station 7	Fire	867	TOTAL FOR 2002:		23,132
	HazMat	110			
	Medical	1,579			
	Other	268			
	Total for Station 7:	2,824			
Station 8	Fire	838			
	HazMat	95			
	Medical	1,399			
	Other	207			
	Total for Station8:	2,539			

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Estimated Property and Contents Losses Due to Fire

	<u>Est Property Value</u>	<u>Est Contents Value</u>	<u>Est Property Loss</u>	<u>Est Contents Loss</u>
January				
Outside of Structure Fire	\$550,000.00	\$5,100.00	\$1,000.00	\$200.00
Refuse/Garbage Fire	\$20,000,750.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Structure Fire	\$6,623,000.00	\$1,424,100.00	\$71,500.00	\$56,650.00
Trees, Brush, Grass Fire	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Vehicle Fire	<u>\$9,850.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$2,250.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$27,184,600.00	\$2,429,200.00	\$75,750.00	\$56,850.00
February				
Outside of Structure Fire	\$200,500.00	\$100,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Refuse/Garbage Fire	\$15,713,267.00	\$1,239,095.00	\$150.00	\$25.00
Structure Fire	\$1,500,000.00	\$105,300.00	\$3,200.00	\$2,200.00
Vehicle Fire	<u>\$6,575.00</u>	<u>\$2,300.00</u>	<u>\$6,575.00</u>	<u>\$1,550.00</u>
	\$17,420,342.00	\$1,446,695.00	\$11,925.00	\$3,775.00
March				
Fire with Medical	\$3,000,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00
Outside of Structure Fire	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$0.00
Refuse/Garbage Fire	\$95,550.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Structure Fire	\$101,200.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Vehicle Fire	<u>\$46,350.00</u>	<u>\$2,700.00</u>	<u>\$29,060.00</u>	<u>\$2,200.00</u>
	\$3,243,150.00	\$25,200.00	\$32,580.00	\$4,450.00
April				
Outside of Structure Fire	\$5,000,000.00	\$480,000.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Outside Spill, Leak	\$2,800.00	\$0.00	\$800.00	\$0.00
Refuse/Garbage Fire	\$297,010.00	\$35,000.00	\$50.00	\$15.00
Structure Fire	\$12,900,000.00	\$5,955,000.00	\$75,100.00	\$79,650.00
Trees, Brush, Grass Fire	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Vehicle Fire	<u>\$427,650.00</u>	<u>\$4,750.00</u>	<u>\$133,850.00</u>	<u>\$900.00</u>
	\$18,627,560.00	\$6,474,750.00	\$210,400.00	\$80,565.00
May				
Explosion, No Fire Ensuing	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00
Outside of Structure Fire	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Refuse/Garbage Fire	\$1,680.00	\$0.00	\$275.00	\$0.00
Structure Fire	\$896,100.00	\$279,410.00	\$68,200.00	\$26,520.00
Trees, Brush, Grass Fire	\$5,050.00	\$0.00	\$550.00	\$0.00
Vehicle Fire	<u>\$11,275.00</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>	<u>\$7,975.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$914,215.00	\$279,610.00	\$77,110.00	\$26,620.00
June				
Outside of Structure Fire	\$300,375.00	\$100,025.00	\$375.00	\$25.00
Refuse/Garbage Fire	\$20,023,800.00	\$4,001,000.00	\$2,350.00	\$1,000.00
Structure Fire	\$773,350.00	\$290,000.00	\$80,850.00	\$112,200.00
Vehicle Fire	<u>\$11,950.00</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>	<u>\$4,500.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$21,109,475.00	\$4,391,175.00	\$88,075.00	\$113,325.00

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Estimated Property and Contents Losses Due to Fire

	<u>Est Property Value</u>	<u>Est Contents Value</u>	<u>Est Property Loss</u>	<u>Est Contents Loss</u>
July				
Fire with Medical	\$230,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$700.00
Outside of Structure Fire	\$1,010,005.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$700.00	\$0.00
Refuse/Garbage Fire	\$61,010.00	\$5,001.00	\$250.00	\$100.00
Structure Fire	\$225,000.00	\$105,500.00	\$36,000.00	\$30,100.00
Trees, Brush, Grass Fire	\$3,000,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,850.00	\$0.00
Vehicle Fire	<u>\$97,600.00</u>	<u>\$61,050.00</u>	<u>\$38,475.00</u>	<u>\$60,750.00</u>
	\$4,624,115.00	\$1,246,551.00	\$97,275.00	\$91,650.00
August				
Explosion, No Fire Ensuing	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Outside of Structure Fire	\$266,000.00	\$39,600.00	\$400.00	\$100.00
Outside Spill, Leak	\$1.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Refuse/Garbage Fire	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$0.00
Structure Fire	\$10,590,000.00	\$5,209,000.00	\$213,000.00	\$104,100.00
Trees, Brush, Grass Fire	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Vehicle Fire	<u>\$45,350.00</u>	<u>\$610.00</u>	<u>\$5,420.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$10,911,351.00	\$5,249,210.00	\$222,520.00	\$104,200.00
September				
Outside of Structure Fire	\$35,000.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00	\$0.00
Refuse/Garbage Fire	\$2,501.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
Structure Fire	\$50,000.00	\$500.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Trees, Brush, Grass Fire	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vehicle Fire	<u>\$7,710.00</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>	<u>\$5,850.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$95,211.00	\$550.00	\$41,050.00	\$50.00
October				
Refuse/Garbage Fire	\$500,040.00	\$100,000.00	\$40.00	\$0.00
Structure Fire	\$13,363,363.00	\$2,117,550.00	\$60,000.00	\$19,250.00
Vehicle Fire	<u>\$14,600.00</u>	<u>\$550.00</u>	<u>\$8,400.00</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
	\$13,878,003.00	\$2,218,100.00	\$68,440.00	\$19,500.00
November				
Outside of Structure Fire	\$89,050.00	\$8,000.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
Refuse/Garbage Fire	\$12,010.00	\$20.00	\$800.00	\$20.00
Structure Fire	\$1,199,465.00	\$451,000.00	\$131,200.00	\$70,700.00
Vehicle Fire	<u>\$9,275.00</u>	<u>\$3,550.00</u>	<u>\$4,625.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$1,309,800.00	\$462,570.00	\$136,775.00	\$70,720.00
December				
Outside of Structure Fire	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Refuse/Garbage Fire	\$105,820.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00
Structure Fire	\$1,930,000.00	\$1,908,000.00	\$3,100.00	\$1,700.00
Vehicle Fire	<u>\$7,200.00</u>	<u>\$700.00</u>	<u>\$5,200.00</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
	\$2,043,520.00	\$1,909,200.00	\$8,450.00	\$1,800.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$121,361,642.00	\$26,132,811.00	\$1,070,350.00	\$573,505.00

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In February 2002, the Lincoln Fire & Rescue Urban Search & Rescue team deployed to the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah. The 70-member contingent from Nebraska Task Force 1 (NETF1) was pre-positioned at Camp Williams, Utah as a federal resource ready to respond to incidents involving mass casualties and heavy rescue.

On April 22, 2002, four members of NETF1 were deployed to Bassett, NE to assist in the rescue of a tower worker stranded at the 1180 foot level of a 1524 foot tall communications tower. The 4 task force members, accompanied by 2 Lincoln Fire & Rescue personnel, coordinated the rescue with local emergency responders who had been unable to perform the rescue. Four LFR/NETF1 personnel climbed the tower to bring the victim down and the two remaining managed the rescue from the ground. The 5 hour rescue attempt became a victim recovery after it was discovered that the victim had died due to injuries he received from a cable that had fallen during a maintenance procedure. All 6 personnel from the combination team of LFR/NETF1 personnel received The Lincoln Fire & Rescue Medal of Valor from City of Lincoln Mayor Don Wesley, and the Department of Justice Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor from President George W. Bush via a presentation in Washington, DC by Vice President Dick Cheney. The six were also honored by the Lincoln/Lancaster Chapter of the American Red Cross with the Emergency Worker of the Year Medal for 2001.



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The Lincoln Fire & Rescue Department is one of 28 task forces across the United States coordinated locally and funded federally through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). The task force continues to expand its capabilities for response to incidents resulting from natural disasters such as tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, and man-made disasters resulting from structural collapse and acts of terrorism including weapons of mass destruction. This program has brought substantial benefits to our community in the form of training, equipment, and experience that helps prepare Lincoln's emergency responders to be ready in the event of a local disaster.



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2002 brought the unexpected loss of one member of the department. Captain Floyd Miller. Floyd succumbed to disease after a short illness. He was a valued member of the department.

The Fireman's Prayer
When Duty call's me, oh Lord,
Wherever Flames may rage,
Give me the strength to save some life
Whatever be its age.

Help me embrace a little child
Before it is too late
Or save an older person from
The horror of that fate

Enable me to be alert,
And oh Lord, guide my every move,
For life is so precious,
Please don't let us loose.

I want to fill my calling and
To give the best in me
To guard my every neighbor
And protect their property

And if according to they will,
That I must give my life,
Then with thy protecting hand my Lord
I pray thee, protect my children and my wife.
Amen



Floyd A. Miller
December 25, 1945 - August 8, 2002



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If you would like more information about our activities or programs write to:

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